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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (71 pages).
- [ X ] Formal drawings (23 sheets, Figures 1-27).
- [ X ] Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- [ X ] PTO Form 1449 (1 page).
- [ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (4 pages).

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